# Water and Dust Glossary

**Barge –** (noun) A roomy usually flat-bottomed boat used chiefly for the transport of goods on inland waterways and usually propelled by towing **Bleak –** (adjective) Not hopeful or encouraging: depressing **Drought –** (noun) A period of dryness especially when prolonged that causes extensive damage to crops or prevents their successful growth  
 **Geyser –** (noun) A spring that throws forth intermittent jets of heated water and steam **Practical –** (adjective) Capable of being put to use **Rainmaker –** (noun) A person who produces or attempts to produce rain by artificial means  
 **Reservoir –** (noun) A man-made lake behind a dam  
 **Shelter Belt –** (noun) A barrier of trees and shrubs that protects (as crops) from wind and storm and lessens erosion **Turbine –** (noun) A rotary engine actuated by the reaction or impulse or both of a current of fluid (as water, steam, or air) subject to pressure and usually made with a series of curved vanes on a central rotating spindle **Wade –** (verb) To step in or through a medium (as water) offering more resistance than air

